

Amendments to the Specification:

On Page 4, please replace the first full paragraph on page 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Hence the development of wound dressings containing a therapeutically active substance. We are aware of dressings based on collagen B (RU 561564, 1965), chitin, gelatine and formaldehyde (CH1097980, 1995), gelatine and formaldehyde with antibiotic (RU 2033149, 1995), cellulose with chitosan (~~JP 0376029, 1990~~ (WO 02/052028)), collagen and chitosan (PCT 8504413, 1986), collagen and chitosan with antibiotic (RU 96124444, 1998). However, the disadvantage of dressings such as this is that they are not very effective when it comes to wound healing. This is due to the wound adhering to the dressing and, in the case of collagen sponges, to an inadequate supply of oxygen to the wound.--